GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3186
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DEVELOPMENT OF NATIONAL PARKS SANCTUARIES
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Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of National Zoological Parks and Sanctuaries in the country, State-wise;

(b) the details of the physical, social, economic and ecological infrastructure facilities in each of them;

(c) whether these are inter-connected by networking;

(d) if not, whether there is a plan to connect them by networking and if so, the details thereof;

(e) the number of tourists visited these parks and sanctuaries during each of the last five years; and

(f) the steps taken for increasing the occupancy rate?

Answer

MINISTER OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI T.R. BAALU)

(a) State-wise list of the National Parks, Wildlife Sanctuaries and Recognised Zoos in the country is at Annexure I.

(b) The National Parks and Sanctuaries have basic infrastructure for protection and conservation of wildlife and its habitat. The Central Government provides funding for achieving these objectives through centrally sponsored schemes, `Development of National Parks and Sanctuaries` `Project Tiger` and `Project Elephant`. For Socio-economical objectives the Government of India is also implementing a separate scheme `Eco-development around National Parks and Sanctuaries including Tiger Reserves`

(c) & (d) Major National Parks and Sanctuaries particularly those covered by `Project Tiger` have internet linkages.

(e) & (f) Statistics relating to number of tourists visiting the National Parks and Sanctuaries is not collated and compiled by the Government of India. However the trends indicate that the number of visitors in many National Parks and Sanctuaries has gone beyond their carrying capacity and steps to regulate the number of tourists have been taken in such National Parks and Sanctuaries. Wider publicity is being made for lesser known National Parks and Sanctuaries so that the pressure of visitors on popular National Parks and Sanctuaries is minimized.

Annexure I
Statement referred to in reply to Part (a) of the Lok Sabha Unstarred Question No.3186 due for reply on 10.12.2001

State-wise list of National Parks, Sanctuaries and Recognised Zoos

Sl.No.	State	National Park	Sanctuaries	Recognised Zoos
1	Andaman	9	96	1
2	Andhra Pradesh	4	21	18
3	Arunachal Pradesh	2	11	3
4	Assam	5	15	1
5	Bihar	1	11	1
6	Chandigarh	0	2	0
7	Chattisgarh	3	10	2
8	Dadra & Nagar Haveli	0	1	1
9	Daman & Diu	0	1	1
10	Delhi	0	2	2
11	Goa	1	6	1
12	Gujarat	4	21	9
13	Haryana	1	9	4
14	Himachal Pradesh	2	32	6
15	Jammu & Kashmir	4	16	0
16	Jharkhand	1	10	6
17	Karnataka	5	21	16

18	Kerala	3	12	7
19	Lakshwadweep	0	1	0
20	Madhya Pradesh	9	25	6
21	Maharashtra	5	33	18
22	Manipur	1	5	1
23	Meghalaya	2	3	1
24	Mizoram	2	5	2
25	Nagaland	1	3	1
26	Orissa	2	18	8
27	Punjab	0	10	5
28	Rajasthan	4	24	7
29	Sikkim	1	5	2
30	Tamil Nadu	5	20	12
31	Tripura	0	4	2
32	Uttar Pradesh	1	23	15
33	Uttaranchal	6	6	5
34	West Bengal	5	15	13
	Total	89	497	177